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- A specification consisting of Thirty-one (31) pages
- Five (5) sheets formal drawings
- An assignment of the invention
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- Applicant does not claim priority

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